

Spotlight On

TSgt. Wesley D. Wiley, United States Air Force

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Sweet Home, Ore., native U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Wesley D. Wiley is ?a simple guy, having a blast serving God, family and his country.?

According to the noncommissioned officer in charge of U.S. Northern Command?s Directorate of Operations Special Activities Training Division, ?they?ll have to physically remove me, kicking and screaming out the door when I retire.?



Wiley enjoys training Air Force and Navy personnel to perform as emergency action controllers in the USNORTHCOM Nuclear Command and Control Command Center.

?Every one of us is a teacher of some kind,? Wiley explained. ?Whether lessons about life, classroom instruction, or mentorship; regardless of whom or what we are, we all have meaningful lessons to pass on.?

He believes homeland defense and national defense play hand in hand. ?The mission I perform ensures the freedoms this country has come to know.?

Wiley looks to the late Air Force Gen. Curtis LeMay, a Cold War icon and the first Strategic Air Command commander, for inspiration. ?He constantly emphasized that ?we are the custodians of the most powerful weaponry in the world and as custodians, we have an awesome responsibility to use them wisely, but decisively.?

The sergeant joined the military to travel the world, obtain an education, ?and most of all, gain life experience.?

In his 21 years of service, Wiley has had assignments in Alaska, Colorado, Louisiana, Washington State and in Germany. Additionally, he has had ?a slew of (temporary duty assignments) that have taken me around the world ... literally twice, to 42 of the 50 States.?

He will earn an associate?s degree in information systems management from the Community College of the Air Force in February. And he credits the military for the life experiences of learning and observing different cultures around the world.

?The average American has no idea just how blessed he or she is in comparison to others around the world,? he noted.

Wiley looks no further than his father, Cecil R. Wiley, for his role model, because of his dedication to family and his work ethic.

?He continually strives to do his best without consideration for himself,? Wiley said. ?He is the most humble and selfless man I?ve ever met.?

The sergeant, who has served at USNORTHCOM since Oct. 1, 2002, was recently honored as the command?s noncommissioned officer of the quarter.